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In the news

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A new poll shows that the race for Senate in Massachusetts may be shifting. Republican Sen. Scott Brown trails his Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren by five points, according to a survey released Tuesday by Public Policy Polling. Brown had led Warren in other recent polls. The company polled 936 voters between March 16 and 18. The margin of error is 3.2 points. SHNS

Today's local tweet

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▶ Police, at the scene yesterday

Cabbie critical after robbery, stabbing

Two Boston men accused of repeatedly stabbing a cab driver they attempted to rob pleaded not guilty in court yesterday. Kareem Jemison, 37, and Michael Shaw, 20, were ordered held on $10,000 bail during their arraignment in Boston Municipal Court.

The duo allegedly jumped in the cab in the South End about 1:20 a.m. yesterday and tried to rob the driver. During the robbery they stabbed the driver, a 50-year-old Lynn man, multiple times, authorities said. The driver was in critical condition yesterday.

$10K Kareem Jemison, 37, and Michael Shaw, 20, were ordered held on $10,000 bail during their arraignment.

When officers arrived at the scene, the driver gave them a description of the men. Police also credited the community with helping them nab the suspects after witnesses approached police and said they saw two men jump out of the cab and flee.

Officers were able to locate the men shortly after the stabbing.

They are due back in court next month. METRO/MN

▶ Wallace

Ex-Southie rep admits guilt

BOSTON. Reversing a not-guilty plea he entered last year, former South Boston state Rep. Brian Wallace admitted that prosecutors had enough evidence to convict him of campaign finance violations and was slapped with more than $36,000 in fines.

Wallace, accused of failing to report thousands of campaign donations during his final run for office in 2008, admitted his guilt during a court hearing yesterday.

The judge ruled that the case would be "continued without a finding," according to officials. Wallace has five years to pay up. SHNS

Murder jury still out

BOSTON. The jurors deciding the fate of two men accused in the Mattapan massacre case will try again today to come to a decision.

Jurors have deliberated for five days without returning a complete verdict on the indictments.

Authorities said the jurors have decided on 10 indictments, but nine remain in question.

One juror is having trouble deciding, according to the Globe. METRO

Food truck owners split on city's role, lottery

Lottery system is problematic, truck owner says ◐ Others say city is moving in right direction ◐ Hungry customers just want more options

While Mayor Thomas Menino is excited to roll out season two of the Boston Food Truck program, some mobile eateries said the influx of competition and uncertainty of schedule hours could put a strain on business.

Tiffany Pham, co-owner of Momogoose, said the lottery system, used this year to pick vendor spots and time slots, might hinder the eatery's operations.

"Imagine going to a lottery to find out if you're going to open," said Pham. Pham said operating a few days a week in different areas is "very difficult."

"For our business, we just cannot deal," she said.

Menino announced yesterday that the new food truck schedule would start April 1, boasting his administration's work with departments and truck operators to create a program that "continues to give opportunities to small businesses."

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▶ Food trucks have become a wildly popular business in Boston, which was lacking mobile eats until about last year.

Pham, however, said the system used doesn't cater to every truck owner.

"We prefer to stay in one location, but right now they require that you have to move around," she said. "The system of moving people around, you cannot run a business like that. No business can survive like that."

Pham thinks the city should consider a "mixed policy" that helps both trucks that need to move and those who need location-consistency to prepare more intricate meals.

Momogoose won't be returning to its spot on the Greenway this season, either, which has the company searching for a retail store in the area.

But not all vendors are upset with the lottery process and upcoming season.

Adam Gendreau, co-owner of the Staff Meal food truck, said he felt the city listened to ideas voiced by vendors last season, like clustering trucks in popular areas.

"We thought it was much better than how they handled it last year … it's a move in the right direction," he said.

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New locations

Menino said yesterday that the city added additional spots for food trucks around the Hub.

- Copley Square at Stuart Street and Trinity Place will have the city's first three-truck cluster site
- The China Trade Building at Boylston Street across from the Registry of Motor Vehicles
- The Financial District will accommodate two food trucks
- In the South End at Tremont and Berkeley streets

METRO/SA

New vendors for Greenway

While Boston begins its food truck program, the Greenway will also be getting a slew of new on-the-go food choices. "Greenway Mobile Eats" includes seven locations, 16 vendors and expanded food choices. There will also be seven first-time vendors setting up this year along the stretch of land.

Customer cravings

Hundreds of food truck customers flocked to Dewey Square yesterday to try some of the tasty items from vendors. "I'm glad to see more options for a quick lunch. It's good to see more competition, too," said Robert Shivers.

Some customers said they wanted to see more promotion of the trucks.

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Patrick keeps pushing for community college unity

Gov. Deval Patrick wants to get people back to work by unifying community colleges in the state and he won't take no for an answer.

Patrick spoke at an information session between lawmakers and cabinet members yesterday to stress his view that the state's 15 community colleges can play a bigger role in filling a "skills gap," according to the State House News Service.

"The people who have been out of work, they are not going back to the job they used to have because the economy is changing," Patrick said.

Patrick is proposing to match the more than 240,000 people looking for work with skills needed to fill open jobs.

According to Patrick, to do that, there needs to be an integrated and unified work force pipeline.

Filling the gap

- Patrick said he wants the colleges to play a bigger roll in filling the "skills gap."
- He said 120,000 available jobs are left open because workers do not have the skills to fill them.

The governor's proposal would increase state funding for community colleges while calling on business to raise private funds for schools.

Dozens of lawmakers, including Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Greg Bialecki and Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Joanne Goldstein, weighed in on the proposal.

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TD Garden. Banner removal

▶ O say does that Celtics championship banner yet fold.

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

If you visit the TD Garden in the next few days you may notice that a few things missing. The nearly two dozen Bruins and Celtics championship banners that hang from the arena rafters were removed, rolled up and relocated yesterday. Because the Garden will host the NCAA Eastern Regional finals later this week, the banners were taken down. They will be kept in a Salvation Army center in Dorchester. METRO

News in brief

Red Sox look to break world record

BOSTON. The Red Sox are teaming up with Welch's to cheers the birthday of Fenway Park.

On April 20, the duo will attempt to break the world record for the "largest toast" while celebrating the 100th anniversary of the historic stadium.

Thousands of glasses of Welch's Sparkling Grape Juice will go down fans' gullets as part of the centennial celebration.

The largest toast at a single venue was made in Japan in 2010 when a little more than 27,000 people clinked together, according to Guinness World Records. METRO

Harvard donation in the millions

CAMBRIDGE. A donor with close ties to the Harvard University community donated $30 million to the school, the institution announced yesterday.

The donation came from Boston business executive and philanthropist Joseph J. O'Donnell, and his wife, Katherine.

O'Donnell is a Harvard Business School graduate and once served as an associate dean at the school. METRO

Thirteen dead coyotes found

BELCHERTOWN. A pile of dead, wild pups was found in the woods in a Western Massachusetts town yesterday and officials aren't sure how they got there.

According to WCVB, more than a dozen coyote carcasses were discovered by a resident. METRO

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▶ Apple's newest iPad is being investigated for overheating claims.

iPad faces probe into heating issue

An influential U.S. consumer watchdog is investigating online reports that Apple Inc.'s new iPad throws off an unusually large amount of heat

Consumer Reports, which reviews everything from electronics to cars, noticed comments on online forums and on Apple's website about excessive heat from the new device, which went on sale Friday, and decided to look into the issue, a spokesman said.

The third iteration of the iPad hit store shelves on Friday and about 3 million units moved in the first three days, a record first weekend for the tablet computer, launched in 2010.

Hundreds of comments posted on an Apple support website centered on how the new iPad — which sports a larger battery than its predecessor to power a sharper "retina" display screen and other bells and whistles — could get uncomfortably warm. **REUTERS**

That's hot

Apple's new iPad reached temperatures of **116 degrees** after 45 minutes of running an intense action game, or up to 13 degrees hotter than the previous iPad under similar conditions, according to a test run by influential reviewer Consumer Reports.

France fears repeat of tragic school shooting as it emerges killer had video camera

French police stepped up the search yesterday for a gunman who filmed his carnage as he shot dead three children and a rabbi at a Jewish school, fearing the killer could strike again.

Officials believe the scooter-riding gunman is a trained marksman with "extremist" views who may also be responsible for last week's shootings of three soldiers of North African origin.

France's President Nicolas Sarkozy has said racism appeared to be the motivation for Monday's school attack, which came just five weeks before the first round of the presidential election.

Racist and anti-Semitic attacks are not uncommon in France.

France is home to the largest Jewish and Muslim communities in Europe and has a history of attacks on both groups, but Monday's shooting was the most deadly anti-Semitic attack in France in nearly 30 years. **REUTERS**

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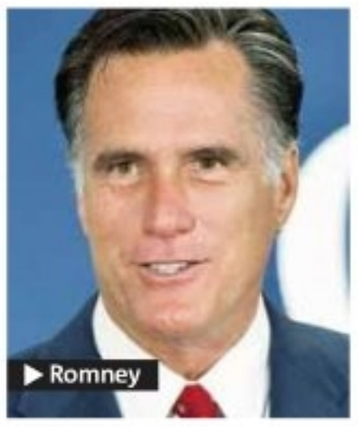
▶ Soldiers and policemen stand guard in the subway in Toulouse, France.

Romney looks to Illinois primary

Front-runner Mitt Romney appeared poised to widen his lead in the Republican presidential race with a victory yesterday in Illinois, where polls show he has a comfortable edge over top rival Rick Santorum.

Romney hopes a solid win in Illinois will give him a fresh burst of momentum in the volatile campaign for the White House and persuade Republicans to rally around the former Massachusetts governor and end an increasingly bitter nominating battle.

Romney has more than twice as many delegates to the nominating convention as Santorum, and his campaign has argued that his rivals cannot catch him in the race to pick a challenger to Democratic President Barack Obama in the Nov. 6 election. **REUTERS**



▶ Romney

Afghan shooter defrauded pair out of $1.3M

Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales defrauded an Ohio couple of more than $600,000 when he served as their stock broker in 2000, according to records of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

An arbitrator in 2003 ordered Bales to pay more than $1.3 million in damages to Gary Liebschner and his wife of Carroll, Ohio. By then, Bales was already in the Army. **BLOOMBERG**

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GOP: Cut health care, taxes on rich

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Illinois Republicans voted yesterday and Mitt Romney won. Or he didn't; we don't really know at this point. But we do know that, whichever way the state goes, pundits are going to make all the predictable predictions: that the win (or loss) doesn't imply his inevitability (or that it does); that math will ultimately decide the nominee; that Romney is strong in urban centers but weak among rural conservatives; and probably, if we know our colleagues like we think we do, something about how he once strapped the family dog to the car roof for a long road trip.

Now that that's out of the way, let's discuss a far more important issue that's likely to play heavily in the upcoming November elections: yesterday's release of Republican House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan's budget proposal, which aims to reduce the U.S. deficit by walking back oversight of the financial sector, cutting social programs and lowering taxes on the most wealthy — all while increasing defense spending.

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Under Ryan's budget proposal, corporations and the rich would save some $3 trillion in taxes through reductions in the top rate, among other regressive changes.

35% **Meanwhile, seniors would pay more for health care, as federal Medicaid spending shrinks by more than 35 percent.**

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▶ Can Republican House Budget Chairman Paul Ryan convince voters that cuts to their health care are in their best interests?

Ryan takes aim at all the classic Republican bugaboos. He urges, for instance, partial repeal of the Dodd-Frank financial regulations — passed following the 2008 mortgage collapse in an effort to prevent future crises. While many analysts worry these regulations don't go far enough, the right's strategy to righting our finances involves reverting to the deregulated financial environment that directly enabled this job-killing recession in the first place.

Another victim of the Ryan budget pen: poor seniors. Ryan proposes eliminating $1.5 trillion from the Affordable Care Act's health insurance fund; $770 billion from Medicaid and related health programs; $200 billion from Medicare; and $1.8 trillion from the "other mandatory" column, which includes food stamps and tax credits for the poor. The Ryan budget, with strong Republican support, aims to fundamentally dismantle Medicare and gut safety net programs.

And what does Ryan propose we do with all the money saved from not assisting those most in need of assistance? Why, he wants to give it to those least in need, of course! His budget urges $3 trillion in tax breaks for the nation's richest by lowering the top tax rate from 35 percent to 25 percent, among a handful of other regressive adjustments.

Oh yes, and Ryan aims to undo and invert "mandatory" defense spending cuts put in place following the supercommittee's failure last year to reach bipartisan concensus in the debt ceiling debacle.

The Ryan budget proposal is pure political theater; there's even a surprise ending! As Robert McIntyre, director of Citizens for Tax Justice, points out: It doesn't even meet its own stated goals of deficit reduction. "He is proposing to increase the budget deficit over the long term," McIntyre concluded, pointing to vague loophole promises.

This all makes perfect sense. Paul Ryan isn't interested in fixing the economy. (That would make it more difficult for he and his party to claim the abject failure of President Barack Obama.) Ryan, like all politicians, is primarily interested in re-election and political point-scoring. It will be up to voters to determine who wins the points here.

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Kathy Griffin is feeling indebted to Kal Penn, Chris Colfer is bad with pets, Diablo Cody is questioning others' parenting techniques, and Albert Brooks isn't jumping to conclusions.

@kathygriffin
Larry the dog got out & was missing ALL DAY! Got a call & WHO rescued him? @KalPenn! #Random #grateful

@chriscolfer
My goldfish have love handles. I may be over feeding them...

@AlbertBrooks
If it walks like a duck, looks like a duck, quacks like a duck, it still could be a chicken doing impressions.

@diablocody
Currently watching a dad TIE his daughter to a piece of playground equipment so she can't fall off. He's using police tape, which makes it extra weird.

Cody

Kim Zolciak: Don't be tardy to the OB-GYN

Kim Zolciak must be getting tired of **Jessica Simpson** stealing the blond-weave-wearing-pregnant-lady spotlight, as it was announced yesterday that she and husband **Kroy Biermann**, 26, are wasting no time expanding their family. After giving birth to their son, **Kroy Jagger (KJ) Jr.**, last May, Life & Style is exclusively reporting that the couple is expecting their second baby.

"Kroy and I are so excited," Kim, 33, tells the magazine. "To decide we wanted to get pregnant again and have it happen so quickly was such a blessing."

I'd go all conspiracy theorist on you and say Kim and Kroy (ed note: What the hell kind of name is "Kroy"? Is that a mash-up of "Kyle" and "Troy"?) are just now revealing this news to bring attention to the TV special about their lavish November wedding, "Don't Be Tardy for the Wedding," which premieres on April 26 at 9 p.m. on Bravo. But, come on: Anyone who films their wedding for reality TV and then calls it "Don't Be Tardy for the Wedding" will of course try to capitalize off of a pregnancy. There's no conspiracy about it.

▶ The new issue of Life & Style is on newsstands now.

Kutcher: To the moon!

Ashton Kutcher is going into orbit. Virgin mogul **Richard Branson** has revealed that the "Two and a Half Men" star is the 500th passenger to sign up for an upcoming Virgin Galactic flight. "I gave Ashton a quick call to congratulate and welcome him," Branson wrote on his blog. "He is as thrilled as we are at the prospect of being among the first to cross the final frontier (and back!) with us and to experience the magic of space for himself."

Now for the most pressing question: How much to keep him there?

Talking points

Lohan is staying put

Lindsay Lohan is taking the "better safe than sorry" approach and is reportedly putting herself under house arrest for the remainder of her probation, according to TMZ. It's not a terribly long self-imposed sentence, though, as Lohan's probation is set to end March 29. But sources tell the website that the troubled actress is planning to only leave her house to go to her community service assignment at the morgue.

What is Hawn getting at?

Goldie Hawn set off a rash of speculation that daughter **Kate Hudson** has already secretly wed fiance **Matt**

▶ Hawn

Bellamy when she told ES magazine, "When my daughter Kate married an English rock star it didn't worry me." But Hawn doesn't stand by the quote. When a Twitter follower asked her, "So are Kate and Matt really married, or are the press twisting your words?" Hawn responded, "Darling, once again twisted the words. They aren't married."

Cowell addresses Spears rumors

Despite all the rumors about negotiating with **Britney Spears** to come onboard as a judge, **Simon Cowell** may have different plans for the U.S. edition of "The X Factor" — and they involve canceling the show altogether. "I'd rather fall off the cliff on numbers than deteriorate slowly," Cowell said at a press conference for the launch of another season of "Britain's Got Talent." "We have something in development which could replace 'The X Factor.'"

Vergara can be bipolar around us all she wants.

Vergara on dating Latina women

Sofia Vergara has some advice for any men considering dating Latina women: Get used to some ups and downs. "There's always a lot going on," Vergara tells Esquire. "[My boyfriend] wonders how I can get really mad and scream, then turn around, do something, come back, and forget that I was mad. I'm, like, bipolar."

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Nicki Minaj pops up in Japan and other colorful characters for your Wednesday

1. Musician and singer **Esperanza Spalding** left the "'Late Show With David Letterman" taping at the Ed Sullivan Theater on Monday in New York City.

2. Singer **Nicki Minaj** arrived at Narita International Airport on Tuesday in Narita, Japan.

3. An assistant of **Madame Tussaud** prepared the **Justin Bieber** wax figure for its unveiling at Madame Tussauds Berlin on Monday.

4. Tim McGraw performed with his wife **Faith Hill** at Rod Laver Arena on Tuesday in Melbourne, Australia.

5. Liam Hemsworth (what a jacket!) popped up at the Canadian premiere of "The Hunger Games" at Scotiabank Theatre on Monday in Toronto, Canada.

6. Actor/honoree **Daniel Dae Kim** attended "Legacy And Homecoming," the Pan Asian Repertory's 35th Anniversary Gala, at the Edison Ballroom in New York City on Monday.

7. New dad **Hugh Grant** was spotted arriving at BBC Radio 1 on Tuesday in London.

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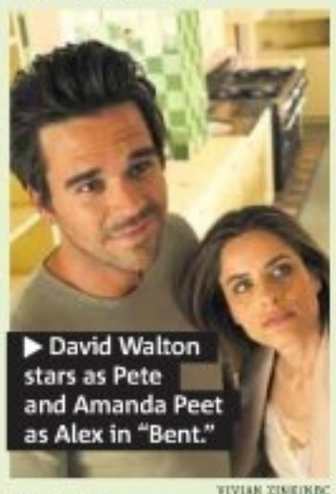

▶ David Walton stars as Pete and Amanda Peet as Alex in "Bent."

VIVIAN ZINK/NBC

'Bent'

COMEDY. An uptight single mom (Amanda Peet) hires a goofy surfer dude contractor (David Walton) to renovate her home. Snappy banter and chemistry are set in place quicker than new kitchen tiles, but missed deadlines only add to the will they, won't they dynamic of this charming sitcom. **Series premiere, 9 p.m., NBC**

'Duck Dynasty'

REALITY. A clan of duck call and decoy makers look like ZZ Top, make millions off of their wares in the backwoods of Louisiana. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., A&E**

'Rip the Runway'

SPECIAL. Hip-hop meets fashion — and whatever you'd call Lil' Kim's getup — in the 2012 edition of this music-focused fashion show. Robin Thicke and Wale also perform. **10 p.m., BET**

'Happy Endings'

COMEDY. Dave gets bullied at the gym. Well, he's in the right place to learn how to fight back. **9:31 p.m., ABC**

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MURDEROUSLY GOOD

'The Hunger Games' boasts plenty of action and a show-stealing performance by Jennifer Lawrence as heroine Katniss Everdine

'The Hunger Games'

Director: Gary Ross
Cast: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Woody Harrelson **Rating:** PG-13
Grade: ●●●●◍

Sure, it's based on a wildly popular book series with a love triangle as one of its central conflicts and legions of devoted teenage — and adult — fans, but to call "The Hunger Games" the next "Twilight" is reductive and dismissive, and doesn't do the sci-fi dystopia justice. And the film adaptation is no different. Whereas those pesky vampire films rate from laughably bad to boring, the first "Hunger Games" film — deftly directed by Gary Ross and anchored by a fantastic performance from Jennifer Lawrence — is high quality.

Ross' shaky-cam glimpse into a grubby, post-failed-revolution future is equal parts fantastical and grounded, with the violence of the films' titular kiddie gladiator contest shockingly realistic — pushing the upper edges of the PG-13 rating — driving home the brutality young Katniss (Lawrence) is facing. And it's Lawrence, imbuing young adult fantasy with the same grit and heart that earned her an Oscar nomination for "Winter's Bone," who makes the movie.

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▶ Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) and Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson) suit up for the games.

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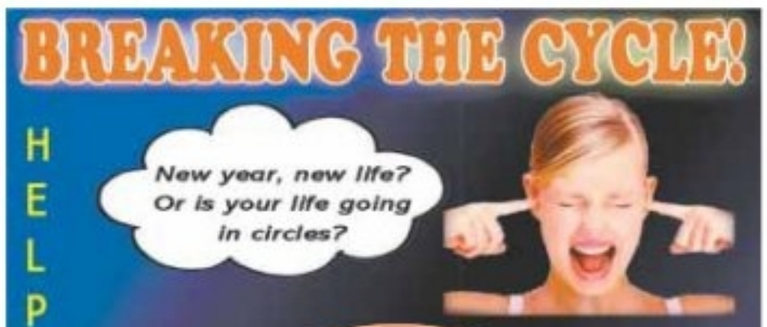

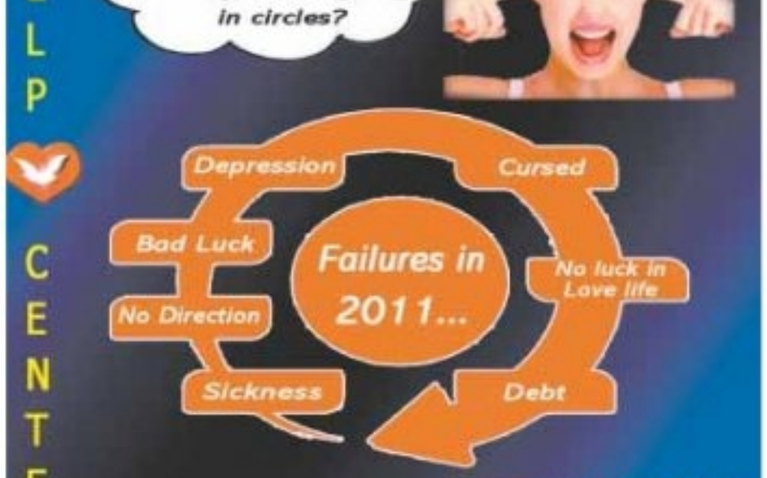

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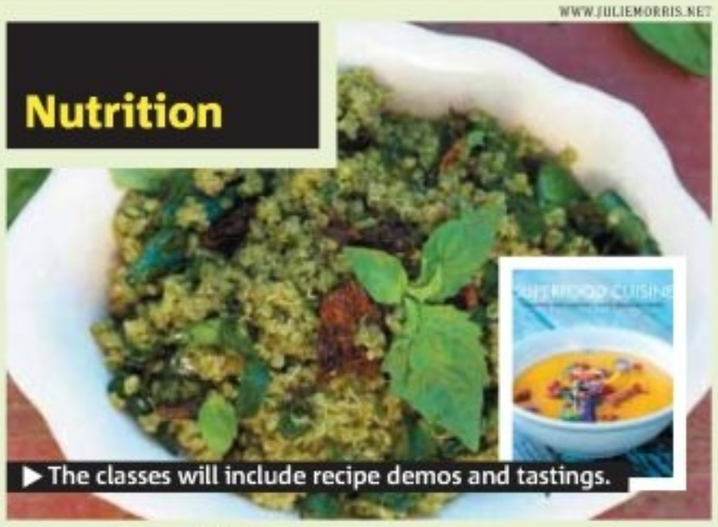

Nutrition

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▶ **March 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**
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▶ **March 21, 6-8 p.m.**
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2 Capitol Crunches: Lying flat on your back with a weight overhead and arms straight, lift your upper body to a seated position with arms overhead. Keep legs extended flat on the ground the entire time. Core movements are critical for tree climbers, who spend time twisting and turning while ascending the tree. Complete three sets of 10.

3 Katniss Kickbacks: Step forward with the leg opposite of the arm performing this move. Bend forward at the waist, and keep back parallel to ground. With the dumbbell in a neutral hand position (halfway between pronated and supinated), the elbow of the arm in use should be at a 90 degree angle to the ground. Extend the weight up and away from the body, creating a straight line of the arm. Complete three sets of 10.

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Fables don't lead to good US policy

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ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL

Calls for a kinder, fairer discourse

RE: "PRESIDENT OBAMA IS A RADICAL LIBERAL THUG?": In response to John Bevan's rant, I just want to say that you sound like a man whose radical yourself. You make it seem as if President Obama is in his Oval Office laughing as everyone goes jobless and has to fight in the streets for food and water! As if in the last four years he has done nothing but make this country worse! It is your thuggish opinions that make me wonder if any president will ever be good enough to sustain this country's worst citizen.
ASHLEY ALLARD, VIA E-MAIL

Obama a radical thug? Where were you when that radical conservative thug Bush got over 4,000 Americans killed in a war based on a lie? Remember Iraq? You talk about the president being a divider. The Republican house has been doing a good job of that the past two years.
ANTHONY YOUNG, VIA E-MAIL

I understand why Metro publishes letters from trolls better suited to the comment pits of YouTube: Everyone gets outraged and writes in, and thus the letters section becomes self-propagating. Assisting in the polarization of American politics is good business sense, I guess. But pandering for letters is one thing. Publishing actual hate speech goes beyond the pale. I hope you are not aware of the infamous history of the phrase "work shall make you free," as ignorance is the least-distasteful explanation of how that letter made it to print. "Arbeit macht frei" was the slogan over the gates of Auschwitz. Giving a nut a megaphone to declare that President Obama is Hitler and his supporters are assisting in their own genocide is absolutely unacceptable.
DAVID LEISK, VIA E-MAIL

Everybody, can we please try to stop generalizing? If you find yourself describing "liberals," "conservatives," "Christians," "Republicans," "Democrats," etc. as being or believing one thing or another, take a step back and just realize that you're probably in the wrong. You don't need labels to describe your opinion on a topic, so why stereotype? Just let your opinion on a subject speak for itself.
COLLIN WAID, VIA E-MAIL

Honestly people, no matter who is president, those who did not vote for the president will be on the offensive. We saw it for eight years under Bush. With the obvious being stated, I say we try something radical: Let's take the good with the bad and work together to make our country a better place. And let's stop bashing opinions in the Metro. Let's try bringing up new ideas to educate your fellow readers. We all know that a country divided cannot prosper, so imagine how great America could be if we truly worked together. **MARY-VIRGINIA SALZANO, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Don't be surprised if more than one person confides in you without you or them knowing why. They'll simply feel impelled to tell you things that they wouldn't tell anybody else.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** It may not be smart to push for certain things, such as matters that affect your material affairs, if you sense the timing is bad. Listen to what your instincts are telling you.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Instead of going with the flow as you normally might do, you are likely to be determined to focus on one specific goal. It'll be for a worthy purpose.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Pay attention and you could learn something important by observing how another conducts him or herself in a development that is similar to one you will soon face.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Being fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time will make you privy to some advance information concerning something profitable that is about to go down. Use it with discretion.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Someone you respect who has counseled you correctly in the past is the same person you should go to again if you're having a problem making another critical decision.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Any idea you get that you think might help your work or career is best kept to yourself, at least until you are absolutely certain you would be able to successfully pull if off.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Try to distinguish between being protective and being possessive regarding a loved one. If the leash is held too tightly, it could become a choke chain.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** An important development can be finalized to your satisfaction, provided that you are tenacious and persistent. Don't settle for second-best.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** If there is something important that you need to do, get it out of the way as early in the day as possible. If you wait until you're pushed into it, you may do a rotten job.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Take some time to study and review your financial position. Something that would save or make you more money could come out of a close, meticulous study.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Any favors you do for others aren't likely to be repaid immediately. However, when they are, there is a chance you'll get more in return than you gave. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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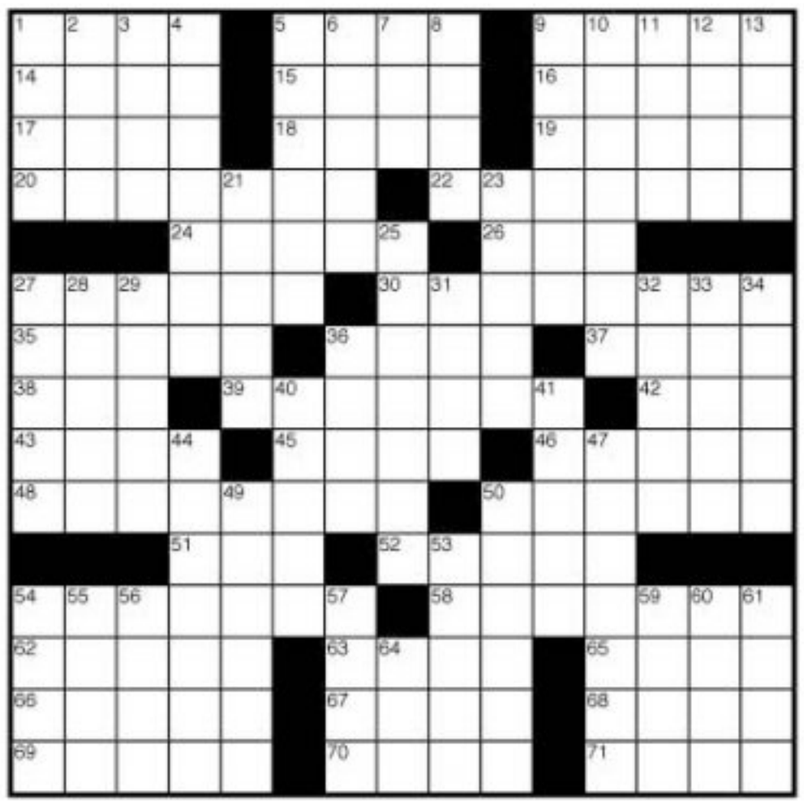

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Second week of NCAA tournament set to tip off

A look forward to the Sweet Sixteen, which begins Thursday:

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If you're a local college hoops junkie, you'll be in heaven this week. The regional semis scheduled for Thursday in TD Garden are (on paper at least) exceptional matchups, both pitting a Big East standout against a Big Ten power. Syracuse and Wisconsin play the opener, followed by a Cincinnati-Ohio State nightcap that harkens back to the early 1960s, when this was one of the best rivalries in sports; OSU won it all in '60 while Cincy finished third, but the Bearcats won the next two titles with victories over the John Havlicek and Jerry Lucas-led Buckeyes.

Glass slippers
Those who love havoc still have three double-digit seeds for which to root. No. 13 Ohio can be the darling of the bunch if it knocks off what might be a shorthanded North Carolina squad (see below). Xavier looks to become the 10th 10-seed to reach the Elite 8 and N.C. State is seeking to become the second 11-seed in as many years (and fourth in tournament history) to get to the Final Four.

We are (without) Marshall
The Tar Heels looked every bit like the top seed that they are in easily dispatching Vermont and Creighton to reach the Sweet 16. However, they may be without star point guard Kendall Marshall going forward. Marshall, who averaged 14.5 points and 10.5 assists in the two wins, is recovering from surgery to repair a broken right wrist. Without Marshall at the wheel, this shiny Cadillac could veer off course.

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Amount of money Boston is expected to bring in this weekend with the East Regional, according to the Boston Business Journal.

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▶ UNC may be without point guard Kendall Marshall.

In the news

Selig shredded
Former Astros star Lance Berkman ripped Bud Selig for moving the franchise to the American League, saying that the MLB commish "extorted" Astros owner Jim Crane.

It was another busy day around the NFL

The Jets are apparently interested in another border war with the Patriots.

The New York Post reported yesterday that Rex Ryan and Co. are interested in signing free agent running back Benjarvus Green-Ellis.

Green-Ellis posted 667 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2011.

Elsewhere, longtime Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward announced his retirement Tuesday despite believing he could still play.

In Miami, more than two dozen Dolphins fans protested the way the team is being run. "We're only halfway through the process," Dolphins GM Jeff Ireland told the AP. METRO

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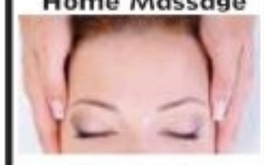

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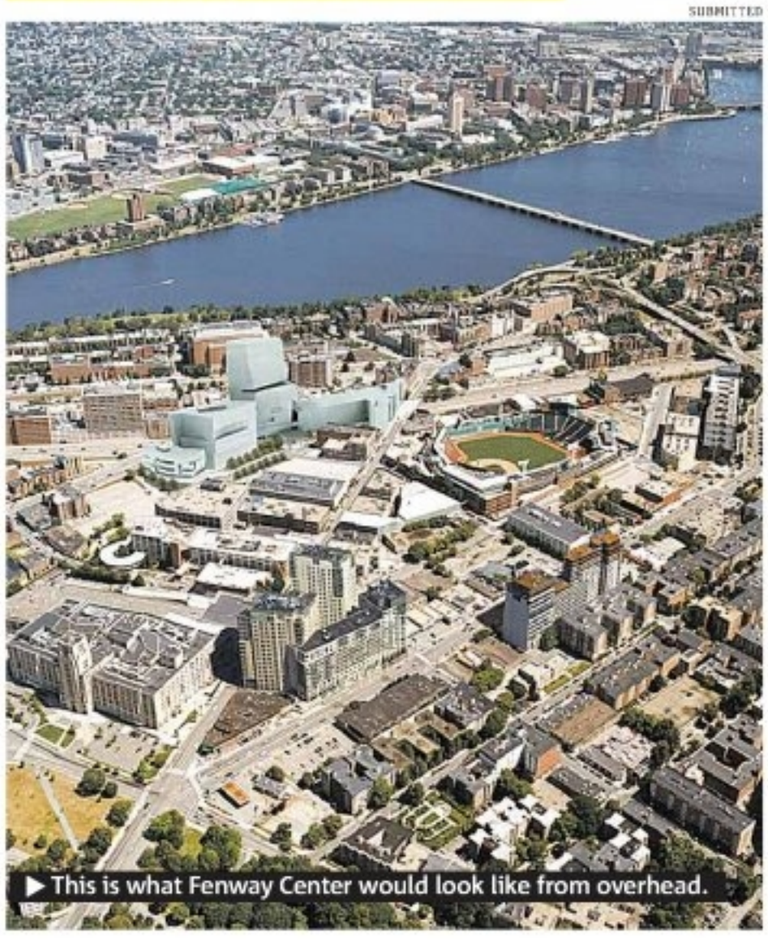

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▶ An artistic rendering shows the $450 million Fenway Center project, which includes more than 550 apartments.

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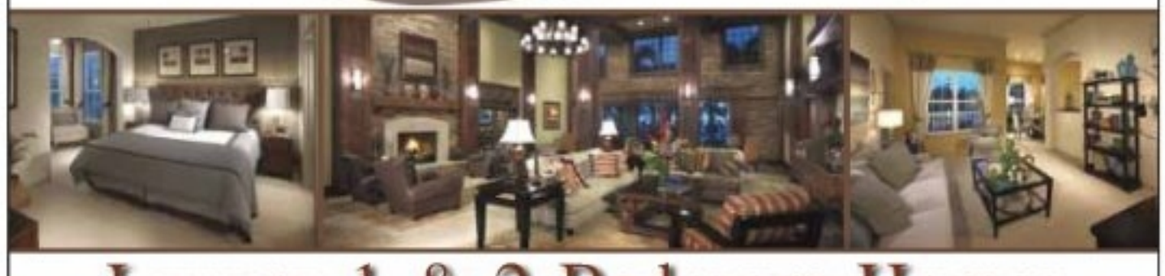

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After a decade, the $450 million Fenway Center is finally ready to begin New development promises 550 apartments over the Mass. Pike

Plans are moving forward for the Fenway Center, a $450 million mixed residential and commercial project that developers claim will transform the neighborhood.

The colossal project, which would mean the development of four and half acres of land next to Fenway Park and over the Mass. Turnpike, recently cleared a legal hurdle. It has been stalled in court for three years, forcing John Rosenthal, CEO of Meredith Management Corp. and the developers of the project, to halt his search for financing.

"We can now begin to complete our negotiations with our joint venture partners and complete financing," said Rosenthal, who has been working on the Fenway Center concept for a decade.

The Fenway Center will include two acres of air rights over the Mass. Turnpike and two acres of land on Beacon and Maiteland streets that will be developed in phases. The first phase includes the construction of 420 apartments in three buildings, 1,290 parking spaces in two garages and 100,000 square feet of retail space. The final phase includes a 27-story residential tower.

Fenway Center by the numbers

- 550 apartments including some affordable units
- 1,290 parking spots
- 170,000 square feet of offices
- 100,000 square feet of retail
- 30,000 square feet of greenery

If Rosenthal secures financing soon, construction will likely begin later this year and be completed in 2017, said Rosenthal.

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